11. *Excise.*—It is proposed to retain next year also, the special temporary staff entertained in connection with the detection and prevention of smuggling of dutiable articles, especially of tobacco and beedi tobacco in the northern frontiers of the State. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the existing temporary staff for guarding the Arukutty, Piravom and Alwaye frontiers and for the compilation of trade statistics in the principal Customs Houses and in the office of the Excise Commissioner.

12. *Forest.*—It is proposed to depute one of the officers of the Forest Department to publish a comprehensive volume on the various hill tribes of Travancore, corresponding to the similar publications in Mysore, Cochin and some of the British Indian Provinces. Provision has also been made for the deputation of two students for training in the Forest College at Coimbatore and for the continuance of the special temporary staff for the disposal of arrears of Kudivila claims.

13. *Registration.*—On a careful scrutiny of the number of documents registered in the various Sub-Regisiry offices of the State, it was found that there is a general fall in the volume of registration work. Provision has therefore been made for the continuance of only 3 temporary additional offices next year. Of the 17 temporary additional clerks appointed to relieve congestion of work in the department, 10 were disbanded from 1st Edavam last and the remaining 7 are proposed to be disbanded from the commencement of the next year.

14. *Interest.*—The increase of Rs. ·62 of a lakh is due to the increase in Savings Bank deposits.

15. *General Administration.*—The work of the special staff in the Huzur English Records is not yet over and it is proposed to continue the staff for another year. Against the present temporary staff in the Central Vernacular Records, permanent arrangements are proposed to be made for the conduct of the work, as, in view of the valuable nature of the records, it is not considered quite safe to entrust the work to temporary employees who have no stake in service. An efficient agency for the collection and systematic compilation of statistics relating to various subjects of general and administrative importance has long been a desideratum in the State. Several committees such as the Banking Enquiry Committee and the Education Reforms Committee are reported to have experienced much difficulty in their work on account of the want of accurate and reliable statistical information. With a view to supply this want and to organise a scientific system of compilation of statistics, it is proposed to take advantage of the class which

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the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics with the Government of India intends opening at Calcutta for affording facilities to a limited number of officers to gain experience in modern statistical methods. Provision has accordingly been made for the deputation of a candidate to Calcutta to get himself trained in statistical work under the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence. There are at present 373 institutions, excluding Municipalities, the accounts of which have to be periodically inspected by the Outside Audit branch of the Account Office. In practice, it has, however, been found that the existing Outside Audit staff is not sufficient for conducting regular inspections of the accounts of such a large number of institutions. It is therefore proposed to strengthen the Inspecting staff.

16. *Administration of justice.*—The appointment of an additional Judge in the High Court was sanctioned during the current year. The existing temporary Second Judges' Courts and Munsiffs' Courts are proposed to be continued together with the temporary additional staff sanctioned for the High Court and the subordinate courts for coping with the increased volume of work. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the four temporary Sircar Vakils and their staff. In connection with the continuance of the additional division of the B. L. Class in the Law College, it is proposed to appoint a full-time temporary Assistant Professor against the two temporary Elective Lecturers, as originally proposed by Government and voted on by the Assembly and the Council at their last sittings.

17. *Police.*—Besides for the continuance of the outposts at Thalayar and Munnar and additions to the Police force for providing guards to the Sub-Treasuries at Alleppey and Shencotta, provision has also been made for the continuance of the temporary offices of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, C. I. D., and the Inspector of Police in charge of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

18. *Ports.*—The present Pier at Alleppey was built in the year 1911 at a cost of about Rs 4 lakhs. As a large number of girders and braces were found to have deteriorated due to corrosion, steps have been taken to carry out certain special repairs and improvements to the Pier at a cost of about Rs 1 lakh and the works are now in progress. As sand accretion was taking place at the Alleppey Port, Government obtained on loan the services of Mr. Wilfred C. Ash, Chief Engineer, Vizagapatam Harbour, for a few days to investigate and report on the causes of sand accretion in the Port and to suggest remedial measures. Mr. Ash inspected the Pier works in January 1934 and recommended the extension of the Pier so as to restore the shipping facilities that existed before the sand

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